

REMARKS

Claims 2-17 have been cancelled.

The specification has been amended as in the parent application.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to MPEP § 609, Applicants understand that the Examiner will, as part of his examination of this application, consider the art of record in the parent application. A form PTO-1449 is enclosed, citing the art of record in the parent application, but, pursuant to MPEP § 609, no new copies of such art are provided; should the Examiner wish to have such submitted, however, Applicants will gladly do so upon request.

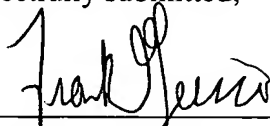
CONCLUSION

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested, as is consideration of the art cited in Form PTO-1449.

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